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## **Governor Announces Federal Grants for Local Homeland Security Programs**

### ***Twelve Wisconsin groups to share over \$88,000 in grants***

Governor Jim Doyle announced today that federal grants totaling \$88,859 have been awarded to 12 local governments and associations to organizer volunteers in their communities to prepare for and respond to threats of terrorism, crime and other disasters.

The Citizen Corps Program is a national grassroots initiative designed to encourage public education, training and volunteer opportunities to promote community and family safety. Some of the programs promoted by Citizen Corps include Volunteers in Police Service, Neighborhood Watch, Medical Reserve Corps and Community Emergency Response Teams.

"The funding for the Citizen Corps Program will help agencies train volunteers to take an active role in emergency preparedness in their community," Governor Doyle said. "In the event of a natural disaster or man-caused emergency, these trained volunteers will be able to help first responders or disaster relief groups."

Communities and organizations receiving grants are:

- Dodge County Emergency Management, \$2,500
- Grant County Emergency Management, \$900
- Kenosha County Emergency Management, \$10,000
- La Crosse County Emergency Management, \$12,500
- Milwaukee County Emergency Management, \$8,500
- City of Phillips, \$10,000
- Prairie du Chief Police Department, \$2,750
- Racine County Emergency Management, \$11,000
- Sheboygan County Emergency Management, \$2,000
- Washington County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters, \$12,469
- City of Whitewater Police Department, \$5,000
- Northwest Region Emergency Management, \$11,240 (The Northwest Region includes emergency management offices from Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer and Washburn Counties)